

IN CONGRESS TODAY

Constitutional Amendments Proposed in the Senate.

CONFERENCE ON FORTIFICATIONS BILL

Report Agreed to by Both Houses.

SILVER IN THE TREASURY

When the Senate convened today the chaplain delivered an invocation relating to the war. "We praise Thee," he prayed, "for Thy unspeakable gift—our country; and for the enthusiastic devotion to it by men of all classes from all parts of the land, north, south, east and west; for the sympathy and encouragement of women. We bless Thee, our country, for the sentiment of the people that it is a thing to die for, at need. We pray Thee most earnestly to bless Thy servants the President and Vice President, the members of the cabinet, the Senate and the House of Representatives and guide them by Thy counsel in this sharp, stern juncture of our history. May our course be maintained as the cause of justice, equity and humanity. Crown our arms with success and bring the war to a speedy and triumphant close, so that we may honor God, help the oppressed and deliver them from their bondage, and return to our own accustomed labors and trains of thought and of light."

On presenting an amendment to the war revenue measure provided for the issuance of treasury notes instead of bonds, Mr. Stewart (Tex.) said it was well understood that bonds as provided for in the bill were a favorite investment of the capitalist, while the treasury notes provided for by his amendment were the favorite method of the people in meeting emergency obligations.

Mr. Stewart's amendment was a substitute for the loan and bond sections of the revenue bill and provided for the issuance of \$200,000,000 of treasury notes, which would be ample probably for the conduct of the existing war. The amendment was referred to the finance committee.

**Conference Report on Fortifications.** Mr. Perkins (Cal.) presented the conference report on the fortifications appropriation bill.

Mr. Chandler and Mr. Gorman antagonized the action of the Senate conferees in abandoning the bill. Mr. Chandler, respecting the payment by the government for the use of inventions of army and navy officers. The report was agreed to, however.

A House bill authorizing the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias to erect and maintain a sanitarium on the government reservation at Hot Springs, Ark., was passed.

Further conference was ordered on the bill extending the homestead laws to Alaska.

A Proposed Railway Commission.

Mr. Gar (Iowa), chairman of the Pacific railroads committee, called up and obtained consideration for a bill authorizing a commission consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General to effect an adjustment between the United States and the Sioux City and Pacific Railway Company in relation to certain bonds issued by the United States in aid of the construction of the railroad. An amendment to the bill offered by Mr. Harris (Kan.) provides that the commission may not accept less in settlement of the government's claim than the principal of the bonds issued in aid of the construction of the railroad.

Mr. Morgan (Ala.) delivered an extended speech upon the measure, in the course of which he indicated the great importance of the measure as a precedent.

Silver in the Treasury.

At the conclusion of Mr. Morgan's speech Mr. Cockrell secured the passage of the following resolution: "That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to make to the Senate a report showing the comparative value of the silver bullion in the treasury, and the amount of the seigniorage and the amount of the existing treasury notes issued in its purchase; and the amount of standard silver dollars coined under the act of July 14, 1870, and the amount of seigniorage and the amount of treasury notes redeemed in such dollars and retired."

Mr. Harris, continuing the debate upon the pending railroad bill, urged the adoption of his amendment as the very least that Congress could do in protecting the interests of the country.

Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) said that the Sioux City road was a link so important to the northwestern system that if the government should insist upon the payment of the principal claim in full about \$1,600,000—the Northwestern would pay it. He declared that the Northwestern officials had for years falsified the returns from the Sioux City road, with the plan in view of securing the road at a nominal price. He said he proposed to offer an amendment to the amendment providing that not less than \$2,000,000 should be accepted by the commission in settlement of the government's claim.

Constitutional Amendments.

At 2 o'clock the Pacific railroad bill was displaced by a special order, which was a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the succession in case of the death of the President-elect before his inauguration. The proposed amendment was favorably reported from the judiciary committee.

Mr. Mills (Tex.) offered the following amendment in the form of a new section: "Section 2. Direct taxes shall not be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this union according to their respective numbers, but Congress shall have power to lay and collect direct taxes as other taxes, duties, imposts and excises are levied and collected."

Mr. Mills explained that his amendment was offered in order that the points raised by the Supreme Court against the income tax proposition might be met.

Mr. Hoar made an appeal to Mr. Mills to withhold his amendment, promising that at any time in the future he would assist him in getting consideration for his income tax amendment.

Mr. Mills insisted upon his amendment, and Mr. Hoar then moved to lay it on the table.

Upon this the yeas and nays were demanded.

Pending the voting, Mr. Mills, when pressed by Mr. Hoar for a reason for insisting upon his amendment at this time, said:

"I want to tie it to the pending resolution so that it may reach the American people who are in favor of it."

"Does the senator," inquired Mr. Hoar, "desire to endeavor to compel anybody to vote for his amendment because he is in favor of the pending resolution?"

**Amendment Laid on the Table.**

A vote was taken in the Senate at 3:30 p.m., when the amendment was laid on the table, by a vote of 32 to 29.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House of Representatives today Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) called up, as a privileged report from the committee on ways and means.

MEANS, A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL A JOINT RESOLUTION AFFECTING IMPORTATION ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER OF MEXICO. THE EFFECT OF THE RESOLUTION, MR. GROSVENOR SAID, WOULD TEND TO REDUCE SMUGGLING.

Mr. Lanham (Tex.) raised a point of order against the bill, claiming that it did not raise revenue.

The Speaker overruled the point of order, and in doing so construed "raising revenue" as contemplated in the rules as being equivalent to "affecting revenue." The House went into the committee of the whole to consider the resolution.

The repealing resolution passed after discussion by Messrs. Grosvenor (Ohio), Slayden (Texas), Cooper (Texas) for, and Mr. Stephens (Texas) against it.

CONFERENCE ON FORTIFICATIONS BILL.

Mr. Hemenway (Ind.) presented the conference report upon the fortifications appropriation bill. The conference report was adopted.

CARE OF ARMS.

**Order Issued to the Army by General Miles.**

Gen. Miles has issued a general order to army giving detailed instructions to govern the arming and equipping of volunteer troops called for service by the President's proclamation and providing for the proper accountability of arms and equipments supplied to these troops. When a regiment has been mustered into the United States service the commanding officer will detail a lieutenant to perform the duties of acting ordnance officer. The governor of the organization, which such regiment or other organization, has been authorized to give in voice to the ordnance officer or the commanding officer of the organization all the ordnance and ordnance stores which are supplied to the organization by the state. The acting ordnance officer on receipt of the invoice will then make requisition to the chief of ordnance for the necessary ordnance and ordnance stores. The chief of ordnance will then make requisition to the armament and equipment of the regiment or organization. This requisition will be continued until there has been a surrender. But at the same time it will be a very unsatisfactory situation if this government, in order to accomplish what it has set out to accomplish, had to make war upon a nation without any responsible head and torn by internal strife.

The explanation given of the situation with respect to the sending of troops from Tampa, Cuba, is that there has been no definite postponement of the embarkation of the troops and that the delay is merely from hour to hour or day to day as the preparations drag or something additional develops that must be done or information received before the final departure. The delay is not consequent upon any change of plan. It may be, however, that some of our vessels will be sent to meet the Oregon and Marietta.

PASSED BY THE SENATE.

Important War Measures Go Through Without Debate.

Two important war measures were passed by the Senate late Monday afternoon, and notwithstanding their importance, neither elicited the slightest debate, one was the emergency war deficiency bill, carrying \$55,729,945.

Mr. Hawley, chairman of the military affairs committee, introduced a bill providing for the enlistment of a volunteer brigade of engineers and of 10,000 men in the south who are immune to the fever, these enlistments to be in addition to those provided for in the President's call for 125,000 volunteers. The men will enlist "for the war."

GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for April.

The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures just issued shows that during April the receipts from all sources aggregated \$1,018,426,262, an increase for the month of \$1,000,000, and the expenditures aggregated \$1,000,000,000, a decrease for the month of \$1,000,000,000, leaving a net cash balance in the treasury \$215,410,622.

The cash in the treasury is recapitulated as follows: Gold, \$217,100,135; silver, \$512,842,949; United States notes, \$1,240,000,000; balances, etc., \$20,507,885; total, \$3,011,151,972; against which there are outstanding demand liabilities amounting to \$2,795,741,350, leaving a net cash balance in the treasury \$215,410,622.

A. M. SOTELLO DEAD.

**For Many Years the Diplomatic Representative of Venezuela.**

Senor Antonio Maria Sotello, for many years the diplomatic representative of Venezuela in the United States, died at his residence in New York city, yesterday afternoon, after a long illness, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

He was a remarkable man in many respects, and took a leading part in the recent history of Venezuela. He came to this country in 1882, and resided here almost continuously ever since, representing the Venezuelan government in various capacities, diplomatic and otherwise. He was the father of Mr. A. M. Sotello, Jr., who lost his life in 1881 as the result of an altercation with Mr. Charles A. Sotello, Jr., who remained in the office of the National Republican. The only surviving relatives are his son, Charles A. Sotello, who resides in New York city, and his daughter, Mrs. Grace C. Whitacre, also of Cincinnati. Mr. Charles A. Sotello came on board the New York yesterday and took charge of the remains.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, the ceremony of which will be held in the presence of the United States minister to Venezuela, who will be taken to New York for interment in the Woodlawn cemetery.

Mail for Troops in Cuba.

An order was today issued by the Postmaster General to establish postal service in the Cuban port first occupied by the United States. Elmer Brewer of Pennsylvania, was appointed special agent to organize the work. Army mail for troops ordered to Cuba will be looked after and business mail of ordinary character. In connection with this appointment, the second assistant postmaster general, under whose jurisdiction the Cuban mail is placed, issued instructions to Mr. Brewer authorizing him upon his arrival with mail at such port in Cuba as may first be occupied by the United States to receive and distribute the mail. This is rather remarkable in that it marks the first action of this kind on the part of Cuba, which has never before issued a neutrality proclamation, and the naval officers are duly grateful for the consideration shown by the Chinese government in withholding the issue of the decree until informed that the Americans had acquired a base in the Philippine Islands.

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Gen. Nash Retired.

Gen. William H. Nash, who was recently appointed commissary general of subsistence of the army, has been retired on his own application. Col. C. P. Egan, the officer next in line to the position, has been appointed to succeed him.

MAY HASTEN OPERATIONS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Effect of the Disordered State of Affairs in Spain.

Cause of Delay in Embarkation of Troops—Waiting for a Dispatch From Dewey.

The report that the dispatch boat McCulloch has been sighted approaching Mirab, near Hong Kong, from Manila encourages the expectation at the Navy Department that word will soon be received from Commodore Dewey. It is liable to be several hours, however, according to calculations of the department, before a long dispatch can get through. The fact that Commodore Dewey was able to send a dispatch boat and could get her away is accepted as satisfactory evidence that he is master of the situation.

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The War Revenue Bill.

It has been found that a great many amendments, many of them agreed to by both democrats and republicans, will have to be made to the war revenue bill by the Senate in order to pass it, but it is already assured that none of the visionary amendments suggested by mere politicians will carry, and the retention of the bond provision is also assured. The unanswerable argument against striking out the bond provision is that no matter how abundant might be the source of revenue provided, it would be impossible to raise large sums of money at once through any system of revenue. The exigencies of the case require that the government should have an abundance of money, not six months or a year from now, but immediately. Therefore, the authorization of the issuance of bonds is necessary and will be supported by men who, on general principles, are extremely antagonistic to bond issues. The proposition to provide for the issuance of greenbacks instead of bonds is as strongly antagonized by a few of the far-seeing silver statesmen as it is by republicans, realizing as they do that a large issue of fiat money would have only one effect, either to discredit fiat as a means of raising money, or to reach this conclusion, yet this few are very earnest in endeavoring to impress upon their associates, and some of them are receiving letters and dispatches from their constituents at home who agree with them in politics, warning them that popular opinion will not sustain the opposition to the authorization of bonds or an attempt to multiply greenbacks.

Explosion in a Rolling Mill.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Part of the Passaic rolling mills at Paterson, N. J., was blown up today. One man was killed and three were injured. The explosion occurred in the boiler and gas section of the building. The damage to the works was \$75,000. Edward J. Baker, a boiler maker, was killed. Wm. Sherlock and Emil Dreier were injured. Pasquale Marco, a laborer, was fatally injured.

Course Thrown Out to Women.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—The board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania has decided to offer undergraduate courses for women in every way equal to those now open to men, and which are to lead to the same degrees now given to the latter students.

War Correspondents' Passes.

One hundred and thirty-five passes giving permission for correspondents of newspapers to accompany the army have so far been issued by Secretary Alger. One of these was to Mrs. K. B. Watkins, representing a Toronto newspaper, and is the only one issued to a representative of the press. The other applications have been filed with the Secretary.

Advices From Gomez Expected.

The Cuban authorities here expect to receive early information direct from the camp of General Gomez, brought by Brigadier General Nunez, who left here about ten days ago and is expected to return with a party and making his way to Gomez's camp. The party was a small one and took along some supplies, but its main purpose was to open communications with Gomez and bring word as to his resources and readiness for an aggressive movement. Officials of the Cuban delegation at General Nunez is likely to come out to open the American warships on its return trip, and thence to Key West to make reports to the authorities here.

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Maintenonah Handled Roughly.

Reports received at the Navy Department from the Maintenonah show that the vessel was roughly handled by the storm while making her way south to Key West from League Island. Her decks were swept and frequent delays were caused by the disarrangement of some of the ship's structure. Throughout it, however, the propelling machinery worked splendidly.

Officers to Wear Their Uniforms.

Washington will soon be gay with uniforms as a result of an order requiring all officers of the army to wear the uniforms of their proper grade.

MARYLAND APPOINTMENTS DETERMINED ON BY THE PRESIDENT.

Senator Wellington and Judge McConnaught—Presure for Army Appointments.

The Maryland offices which have remained unfilled for many months were attended to at the White House today. Senator Wellington and Judge McConnaught had an extended conference with President McKinley, resulting in an agreement that the following nominations were ordered by the President: William F. Stone, collector at Baltimore; William Alrey, United States district attorney; John B. Norman, surveyor of the port at Baltimore; Torbert, appraiser of the nomination of Mr. Torbert is a concession to Mayor Maister. It was requested by the President and agreed to by the Maryland senators. The choice of the Maryland delegation for this place was J. H. Ching.

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DEWEY DAY AT NEW YORK

Gotham Celebrates Her Own Greatness With the Commodore's.

English Vice Admiral Pays a High Tribute to Our Great Naval Officer.

NEW YORK, May 4.—This is Dewey day and Charter day. The municipal celebration of the formation of greater New York has been overshadowed by the events of world-wide import during the past few weeks, culminating in the victory won by Commodore George Dewey over the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Manila.

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PRIZES AWARDED.

In the standard horse class the trotters were examined, and the decision of the judges was as follows: Westmoreland, first prize; John Dugan's Joe Dec, second, and Mcd, third. Blue Cap, driven by Dick Wallach of this city, was fourth.

The Program Tonight.

The program for this evening's session is as follows: All backings. 8:30 p.m., class 24, pair of high steps, not under 15 hands 2 inches, all-round action only to be carried 150 pounds. First prize, \$50; second, \$25; third, \$10; fourth, \$5. 9:00 p.m., class 25, pair of high steps, not under 15 hands 2 inches, all-round action only to be carried 150 pounds. First prize, \$50; second, \$25; third, \$10; fourth, \$5.

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